

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

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Title: METHOD AND DEVICES FOR RECORDING MARKS IN AN INFORMATION LAYER OF AN OPTICAL RECORD CARRIER, AND RECORD CARRIERS FOR USE THEREIN

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and examination,  
please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

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1. (Amended) A method of recording marks representing data in a recording medium, said recording medium comprising an information layer having a phase which is reversibly changeable between a crystal phase and an amorphous phase, by irradiating the information layer with a pulsed radiation beam, each mark being written by a sequence of pulses comprising at least one write pulse, the written marks being erasable by irradiating the information layer with a radiation beam having an erase power level (e), a first write pulse of a sequence of pulses being preceded by a cooling pulse having a cooling power level (c) which is lower than the erase power level (e), said radiation beam being generated by a radiation source,